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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Masket

Attorney Docket No.: MSKTP001

Application No.: 10/644,601

Examiner: Michael H. Thaler

Filed: August 20, 2003

Group: 3731

**Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PERFORMING AN ACCURATELY SIZED  
AND PLACED ANTERIOR CAPSULORHEXIS**

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims After Amendment		Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity Rate Fee	Large Entity Rate Fee
Total Claims	18	MINUS	20	0	x 25 = 0	x 50 = 0
Independent Claims	3	MINUS	3	0	x 100 = 0	x 200 = 0
Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid						
Total					\$0	\$0

- ☐ Applicant(s) hereby petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension(s) of time to respond to the  
aforementioned Office Action.
- ☒ Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is  
determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension  
be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time  
under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 500388.
- ☐ Enclosed is our Check No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the additional  
claim fee and/or extension of time fees.
- ☒ Please charge the required fees, or any additional fees required to facilitate filing the  
enclosed response, to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. MSKTP001).

Respectfully submitted,  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced patent application on its merits, please  
amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which being on page 2  
of this papers.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper and include an attached  
replacement sheet.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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